

THE WEATHER
Washington, March 24.—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR											
8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
45	48	52	52	56	57	59	60				

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ALLIED COUNCIL MEETS TO ANSWER REDS THREAT; CZECH ARMY IS REPORTED MARCHING ON HUNGARY

LEAGUE POLL HERE SHOWS 3 SURPRISES

Landslide for Proponents, Difference in Libraries' Vote, Financiers Shy

OTHER CITIES' RESULTS REVEAL WIDE VARIANCE

Five-Day Balloting at Penn Began at Institution This Morning

INTEREST IS AROUSED

Some Seem to Fear Calling U. S. Boys to Fight in European Conflicts

Three surprises have resulted in the poll of Philadelphia to determine sentiment for or against the plan for a league of nations, as proposed at the Paris Peace Conference.

First, a shyness on the part of financiers to express themselves.

Second, a landslide for the league of nations on the count of ballots sent into the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

Third, a diametrical difference of opinion between the frequenters of the Mercantile Library and the Free Library.

Meanwhile there is also a wide difference in the majorities given the league of nations plan in other cities. In New York 21,803 votes have been recorded for and 11,352 against the league of nations. Boston shows 3212 for and 1096 against. Grand Rapids shows 8129 for and 369 against. Chicago shows 1804 for and 812 against. Rochester and Syracuse record, respectively, 1296 and 1061 for and 131 and 148 against, while Houston, Tex., reports a landslide with 1206 for and 48 against.

How Vote Stands Today

The tabulated vote today stands 4262 for and 2194 against the league of nations covenant.

The ballots cast to date show 482 for and 116 against the league of nations. Aroused by the general interest which has been shown in Philadelphia's vote of the plan of the Peace Conference, the Pennsylvania, the daily newspaper of the University of Pennsylvania, today began a five-day ballot among the members of the faculty and student body to determine the sentiment.

The difference of opinion between the men and women who frequent the Free Library, at Thirteenth and Locust streets, and the Mercantile Library, at Chestnut and Locust streets, was a matter of conjecture among the officials of both institutions. The Free Library poll shows sixty-one men and fourteen women—a total of seventy-five—in favor of the league of nations, with thirty-three men and six women—a total of thirty-nine—opposed to the plan in its present form. At the Mercantile Library twenty men and eight women—making twenty-eight voters—were in favor of the league of nations, while thirty-two persons—eighteen men and fourteen women—opposed the plan.

Library Head and Aides Differ

T. W. Hedley, librarian of the Mercantile Library, voted in favor of the league of nations. And three of his clerical force, all of the feminine sex, were opposed to the plan.

The position among the women interviewed at the Mercantile Library to the league of nations plan was based on their objection to the use of United States soldiers to help settle the quarrels of European nations.

Mrs. V. E. Rhein, of 22 South Forty-third street, whose husband she said had read the Public Ledger since 1837, opposed the league of nations.

"If it is to be a part of the world war," she says, "our boys will be picked up, but they will be unconscious and could not be revived. Nolan was a cabin passenger. His body was buried at sea."

There is no record of an Alvin Nolan in the Philadelphia directory.

Man, Said to Be Philadelphia, Feared or Jumped Overboard

New York, March 24.—Alvin Nolan of Philadelphia either fell or jumped overboard from the Trinidad liner Martine on Sunday a week ago. It was reported in the steamship's arrival here today, that a boat was lowered and Nolan picked up, but that he was unconscious and could not be revived. Nolan was a cabin passenger. His body was buried at sea.

Now See for Yourself!

From time to time we have endeavored to impress upon you the fact that "The Three Strings," which begins in today's issue of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, is an exceptionally good detective story. This is where we don't have to say another word.

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The League of Nations Poll in Philadelphia at a Glance

Result of poll previously reported.....	For the League	3682	Against the League	1987
In Financial District.....	15	20		
Free Library—				
Men.....	61	33		
Women.....	14	6		
Mercantile Library—				
Men.....	20	18		
Women.....	8	14		
Ballots received by the Evening Public Ledger.....	482	116		
Totals.....	4262	2194		

IDAHO ACCEPTED WITHOUT TRIAL

World's Greatest Battleship Commissioned at New York Plant, Camden

FIRST IN HISTORY OF U. S.

The U. S. S. Idaho, the greatest fighting ship afloat, was commissioned an actual unit of Uncle Sam's naval fleet at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation today.

At precisely 10 o'clock she passed from the hands of her builders into the custody of the United States. For the first time in our naval history a ship of this type was accepted without a speed trial.

With its immense crew of 1400 sailors, marines and officers standing in formation on the decks, the vessel was formally taken over by naval officers. After the brief ceremony Captain C. T. Vogeleasing, the Idaho's commander, called out from where he was standing directly in front of the muzzles of the fourteen-inch guns in the main aft turret. "Now pipe down, set the watch and carry on."

From that moment the ship which has no peer, became a busy hive of activity. "Gobs" were hopping everywhere. The odor of hot food revealed that the boys were to have their first meal aboard as members of the crew.

Three Flags Hoisted

With hand playing the Star-Spangled Banner, three flags were hoisted simultaneously. On the aft quarterdeck, where the ceremonies were held, the ensign was run up while all stood at attention. At the same time, on the foredeck, the Union Jack, with its field of blue and forty-eight white stars, was hoisted on the jack staff on the extreme part of the forecabin. On the very top of the great main mast the commission pennant floated on the mast's truck.

The ceremony lasted twenty minutes. It began with the handing over of the receipt for the Idaho by Captain L. A. Kaiser, representing Rear Admiral C. P. Hughes, commander of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and Commander R. T. Hanson, construction commander. Representing the shipbuilding corporation were Vice Presidents Magoun and W. G. Grossbeck; George M. Andrews, general manager; H. C. Towle, works manager; and J. B. Yossell, assistant to the works manager.

A large part of the crew came aboard the ship just before the ceremony. They were given a tour of the ship.

May Delay Starting Engines

It is not yet known when the Idaho will leave the shipyard. The ship's officers wish a few days' grace. It is understood, to get everything in smooth running order before starting up the great turbine engines and pulling out.

The naval representatives who supervised the erection of the Idaho for the government and who attended the ceremonies were Captain Elliott Snow, construction commander, and Commander R. T. Hanson, construction commander. Representing the shipbuilding corporation were Vice Presidents Magoun and W. G. Grossbeck; George M. Andrews, general manager; H. C. Towle, works manager; and J. B. Yossell, assistant to the works manager.

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Washington, March 24.—(By A. P.)—Secretary Daniels, who arrived yesterday at Brest, will go to Paris this evening.

W. W. SAYRE GOES FROM HOSPITAL IN GREAT STYLE

President's Youngest Grandson Doesn't Even Cry When He Leaves Institution

Woodrow Wilson Sayre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre and grandson of President Wilson, age one month, left Philadelphia for his home at Cambridge, Mass., last night.

Of course, he had company. His mother, formerly Miss Jessie Wilson, and his father were along to see that the youngest grandson of the President met no harm on his initial excursion into Pullman car mysteries.

But the youngster showed great lack of appreciation. Despite the excitement incident to leaving the Jefferson Hospital shortly before 10 o'clock last night, the special touring car provided to take him to the station and the parlor car awaiting him there, Woodrow Wilson Sayre was asleep on the job. He didn't even say "good-bye" or "good-night" or whatever it is a one-month-old baby says. He was asleep when he left the hospital and remained so until after the train left Broad Street Station at 10:45 o'clock.

And when he awakened—Well, Woodrow Wilson Sayre is like every other baby.

The baby was born in the Jefferson Hospital on February 22. His distinguished grandparents visited him there on March 4.

DETECTIVE PAYS MAN'S FINE

Autoist Hadn't Amount of Money With Him

District Detective Reeves, of the Branchtown police station, is a pretty good fellow. James Pierson, of Lansdale, will say so, anyway. Pierson in all innocence got into trouble with the law, and when he said he hadn't enough money with him to pay a fine, Reeves advanced the cash.

It happened in Magistrate Pennock's office, where Pierson was arraigned today on a charge of driving an automobile without any license. Patrolman Winn told how he had found Pierson with a car on York road at Lakeside avenue. The car had no license and Pierson had no driver's license.

Magistrate Pennock fined Pierson \$10 and the costs were \$2.50. Pierson said he hadn't that much with him, but would go get it if they would let him.

"All right," said Reeves, digging into his pocket. "I'll pay it and you can pay me later."

PREPARING OVERSEA FLIGHT

Navy Department Plans Transatlantic Voyage by Planes

Washington, March 24.—(By A. P.)—Several seaplanes of the N. C. type are being prepared for a transatlantic flight to be undertaken next month by the Navy Department, although no decision has been reached as to the number that will make the start. Four of these big craft have been completed and it may be that two, and possibly even three, will be sent out, on the theory that the greater the number, the greater the chances of success.

The Navy Department is not now contemplating a transatlantic flight with a lighter-than-air machine. Acting Secretary Roosevelt said today the navy had no dirigible capable of making such a voyage.

HUSBAND IDENTIFIES VICTIM

Camden Mother Killed, Escort Hurt by Auto Near Mercantile

The woman instantly killed when she and a male companion were run down last night by an automobile near Mercantile has been identified as Mrs. Jacob Schlett, forty-two years old, 1246 Morton street, Camden. She is survived by a husband and five children.

Her companion, Richard Claggett, of Mercantile, and Mrs. Schlett were walking along the Browning road when they were struck by an automobile driven by Arthur H. Shamer, of Palmyra.

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Under the treason indictment, O'Leary cannot be admitted to bail, though it is possible to have a court order to his release. Application for this reversal order awaits the return from Washington of Colonel E. B. Fisher, who was chief counsel for the defendant. O'Leary has been in jail more than nine months since his arrest.

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POWERS PLAN IRON HAND TO CRUSH REVOLT

Entente Expected to Land Haller's Polish Army at Danzig

MONITORS SPEEDING UP DANUBE RIVER

President May Offer League Amendment to Protect Monroe Doctrine

GREGORY SEES NO NEED

Proviso Declares That America Must Agree Before Use of Coercion

Germany Refuses to Sign Treaty Severing Danzig

Copenhagen, March 24.—(By A. P.)—Germany cannot and will not sign a peace which involves the annexation of Danzig by Poland, President Ebert declared in a speech Sunday, a dispatch from Berlin says.

The German President added that Germany could not give up West Prussia or part of Upper Silesia. Ebert spoke at a meeting called to protest against the annexation of Danzig by Poland. He declared that Germany was prepared to agree to the neutralization of the Vistula, which would include Danzig as a free port.

By the Associated Press

Paris, March 24.—A conference of the premiers was called today, to be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to arrange for the program of the Supreme Council session an hour later.

The news from Hungary and Poland was expected to spur the heads of the governments to military decisions of the first importance.

Premier Clemenceau had a long conference with Stephen Pichon, the foreign minister, yesterday on the Hungarian situation.

It is understood, for one thing, that General Haller's Polish divisions will be shipped at once to Danzig and landed, whether the Germans like it or not. Mr. Huttu adds that certain precautions have already been taken in such an eventuality.

Forces in the Field

Two French divisions are at Budapest and several Serbian divisions are at Belgrade, ready to take the field and it is believed that, with the Rumanians, they are capable of meeting the situation.

Raymond Recouty, writing at the Figaro, states, on the other hand, that the divisions in question are of reduced strength, the Rumanians being absolutely without equipment. Such forces are scattered from Banat to Odessa, and he says, are quite insufficient to cope with the threat which "everything shows is about to take definite shape."

The league of nations commission will reassemble at 8:30 o'clock this evening, with the expectation of virtually completing the draft of the league covenant.

Situation Is Critical

The Peace Conference has been advised by Entente agents of the critical situation in Hungary. Some street fighting in Budapest has been reported and while the lives of Entente nationals are said to be safe, it is urged that they need the protection which would be afforded by monitors proceeding up the Danube from Serbian ports.

The peace commission on Czechoslovak affairs held a meeting today, an official announcement says, to consider the situation.

RECKLESS MOTORIST GETS EIGHTEEN MONTHS

Charles A. Snyder, 6732 Tulip street, Tacony, was sentenced to the County Prison for eighteen months this afternoon by Judge Ryan, Quarter Sessions Court, Snyder had been convicted of driving an automobile forty miles an hour on the Roosevelt Boulevard. He struck and seriously injured Frank K. Brown, of Langhorne, Pa.

MORE SHIPS LEAVE HAMBURG

Nine Food Vessels Depart Sunday—No Movement at Bremen

Berlin, March 24.—The German mercantile ships in the harbor of Bremen are still in port, but nine food ships left Hamburg yesterday in compliance with the shipping agreement with the Entente. Among the steamships which sailed were the Auguste Victoria and the che il Governo di Budapest ha firmato Graf Waldersee.

Eighteen ships cleared from Hamburg Saturday to be turned over to the Allies in exchange for food, including the Patria, Santa Cruz, Cordova, Kigoma, Kleveland and Cape Finisterre. The government plans to incorporate the German state railways under a single national system already are meeting with pronounced opposition on the part of the federated states.

PEACE BLUNDERS AID BOLSHEVIK PLANS TO EMBROIL ALL WORLD

Powers May "Muddle Through," Despite Revolt—Deal With Germany When Real Menace is Soviet Doctrine

TREATY MUST PACIFY EUROPEAN UNREST OR FAIL IN ITS PURPOSE

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger
With the Peace Delegation in Europe
By Special Cable
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Paris, March 24.—The sending of William C. Bullitt, Lincoln Steffens and Walter Weyl to Russia is an illustration of the incapacity of the Peace Conference to meet in man-fashion the vital question of Bolshevism, which threatens the prospect of obtaining any peace at all.

Commissioning these three men as envoys is the only thing that has been done concerning Russia since the conference agreed on the Princes' Islands proposal, which was an utter failure.

When the Bolsheviks accepted the invitation to the Princes' Islands peace conference, Peace Conference circles were in a panic over the acceptance. They didn't know what to say to the Bolsheviks or how to say it, so they retreated from the invitation.

To talk to the Bolsheviks, the Americans are now forced to choose these envoys. Steffens, being known to Lenin, probably goes along to insure the safety of the life of Bullitt, who is an assistant secretary of the American peace delegation.

Unable to Deal With Situation

The situation illustrates the impossibility of bridging the gulf and the utter failure of the attempt to deal with the Russian Bolshevism in spite of the fear, which is growing, of German Bolshevism. Bullitt and Steffens represented the American peace delegation, but had to go unofficially, the United States assuming no responsibility for their safety, being ashamed, afraid or unable to deal with Bolshevism to the extent of authorizing envoys to enter Russia to collect information.

Lord Robert Cecil, speaking of the proposal to make a preliminary peace without attaching the league covenant, said the result would only be "a simulacrum of peace," but a danger even greater is that any peace made, which does not pacify Bolshevism, will only be a simulacrum of peace. The delegates here realize this fully, but are powerless to do more than send up "ballons d'essai," like the Bullitt-Steffens expedition, to see Lenin. This consciousness is responsible for all the present nervous irritation in Paris for criticisms and explosions of temper in recent weeks.

All Dodging Responsibility

Everybody is anxious to fasten the responsibility for delay on some one else, fearing that when the pact is presented to Germany to sign and Germany turns Bolshevism, the responsibility may rest on himself. A short time ago President Wilson was trying to fix the responsibility for delays on the French. Now the French and British press charge President Wilson with being responsible for the delay, especially in attaching to the peace treaty the highly contentious league covenant, which insures inaction by the United States Senate for a long time, giving Bolshevism an opportunity to spread and undermine what little is left of the present German Government.

This argument is given for what it is worth, but it is not entirely disingenuous. The truth is that every one realizes that the Peace Conference, in settling things like a corridor for Poland through Prussia, or the western boundary of Germany, is not dealing with realities, but with old-fashioned geographical concepts, while the real peace problem today is social. In other words, the real enemy is Bolshevism, and the Peace Conference is busy making peace with something bearing the geographic name of Germany, while to Bolshevism it sends two American reporters.

Signed Pact Is Needed

One reason for using Lord Robert's phrase is that you hear in Paris the plea that it will be enough to get the signature of the Scheidemann Government to the peace document, even if Scheidemann falls the next day.

HIGHWAYMEN GIVEN STIFF SENTENCES

William Keegan, Lehigh avenue, near Second street, and Myer Lormack, Roseberry street, highwaymen, were given long terms in the penitentiary by Judge Monaghan in Quarter Sessions Court today. Keegan was given a sentence of not less than nine years and eleven months and not more than ten years. Lormack was sent to the County Prison for seven years.

REDS ACTIVE IN VIENNA

The extremists are active in Vienna, but the government still is in control. Reports from Czechoslovakia, where the Bolshevik movement is reported to be strong, are meager.

Reports that the Russian Bolsheviks had large forces of troops in Galicia, ready to advance into Hungary still lack confirmation from reliable sources. The Bolsheviks, however, are within 100 miles of the eastern frontier of Galicia, but reports last week were to the effect that the anti-Bolshevik Ukrainians were driving the Bolsheviks back in the region of the Pripet marshes northeast of Lemberg, which the Poles were forced to give up to the Ukrainians.

SCHOOLBOY'S FALL FATAL

Herman Steger Fell From Parallel Bars in Yard

A fall from parallel bars in the yard of the Kendrick Public School, thirty-eighth street and Powelton avenue, resulted in the death today of nine-year-old Herman Steger, 437 North Thirty-ninth street. He died at the Presbyterian Hospital after having been unconscious for several days.

WELCOME, LADS!

Fair tonight and Tuesday, sure. Little change in temperature. Northwest breeze blow this way. City Troopers land today.

The Evening Public Ledger's League of Nations Ballot

MARCH 24, 1919

So many requests for the privilege of voting on a League of Nations have been received by the Evening Public Ledger that it has been decided to record votes received by mail and messenger.

Make a cross mark in one of the squares of this ballot, give your name if you desire to do so.

Mail to League of Nations Editor.

THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, PHILADELPHIA.

I am for it

I am against it

Name

Address